

Art Unit: 1796

In claim 35, line 1, delete "~~any~~ of claims 2 or 52" and insert – claim 52 –.

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In claim 36, line 1, delete "~~any~~ of claims 2 or 52" and insert – claim 52 –.

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In claim 52, line 36, after "lecithin" insert -- . --.

Cancel claims 19-22 and 25-27.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Note that, Applicant's amendments, Applicant's arguments, and the Examiner's Amendment are sufficient to place the instant claims in condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicant agreed to cancel all non-elected species of Gemini surfactants. Of the references of record, the most pertinent is DE 19622612. '612 teaches gemini tenside surfactants and the production of such tensides. The compounds can be used with anionic, cationic, nonionic, amphoteric, as well as zwitterionic tensides. See page 10, lines 15-25. However, '612 does not teach or suggest a composition containing the combination of a specific gemini surfactant, at least two different co-amphiphiles having an HLB value of less than or equal to 6, and the other requisite components of the composition in the specific amounts as recited by the instant claims.

None of the references of record, alone in combination, teach or suggest a composition containing the combination of a specific gemini surfactant, at least two different co-amphiphiles having an HLB value of less than or equal to 6, and the other requisite components of the composition in the specific amounts as recited by the instant claims. Accordingly, since the prior art of record fails to teach or suggest such a composition as recited by the instant claims, the instant claims are deemed allowable.